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In compliance with the duty of disclosure according to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, Applicant presents herein prior art references which are believed at this time to be relevant to the subject matter of the instant patent application. A copy of the references, which are listed in the annexed PTO-1449 (equivalent) form, is enclosed.

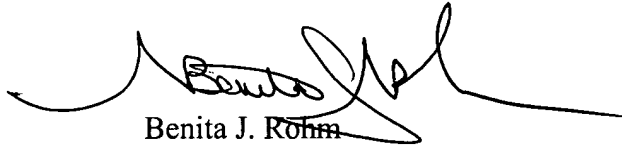
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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner examine the present application, allow the claims, and pass the application for issue. If the Examiner believes that the prosecution of this case can be expedited by a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated hereinbelow.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benita J. Rohm", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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